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Sent: 9/7/2011 4:44:44 PM
To: Hanchett, James (DPH) [/O=COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/OU=MassMail-01/cn=Recipients/cn=James.Hanchett]
Subject: FW: DPH Layoff noification

Hey Jim,

I hope you are feeling better! I emailed Joe Dorant last week after the issues with UMass and he got back to me today with the below email. Sounds like good news but who knows at this point. He asked for my number but has yet to call. Please get well and please if you need anything do not hesitate to ask.

Take Care,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Dorant [mailto:jdorant@moses-ma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 6:09 PM
To: Pontes, Rebecca (DPH)
Subject: RE: DPH Layoff noification

Rebecca

There is a lot going on behind the scenes; if you could give me a telephone # that I could call you at, I will explain. There is just too much to put in an email. We have been meeting with many legislators and talking to police departments, DA's local politicians. We have had some encouraging signs, but we can only hope that it will all pay off in the end. Maybe we will know more after meeting with the Commissioner on Thursday.

Thanks for the information in your email. I will give you a call when you send me the best # to reach you.

Take care,
Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Pontes, Rebecca (DPH) [mailto:rebecca.pontes@state.ma.us]
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2011 11:02 AM
To: Dorant, Joe
Subject: RE: DPH Layoff noification

Mr. Dorant,

I Am inquiring as to the status of the Amherst drug lab. I know we are getting our notifications this coming week according to Ann Looney. I was seeing if there are any changes or information. We have not heard a word from anyone in the past couple of weeks. We had some issues at UMass Thursday. I was in court but my co workers told me that our lab card keys were deactivated and when someone called to see what the problem was, they were told UMass human resources was informed by someone that we were no longer on the campus. We are unsure of who said this or if it was misunderstood. Also we have not received our parking passes that are sent out in august and in which were paid for last April. I would just like to know anything as I have a lot to think about and prepare for and may only have a month to do so. I have a house and family that may need to move and the sooner I know anything the better I will be. I appreciate everything you have done so far. Please accept my gratitude.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Pontes

From: Joe Dorant [jdorant@moses-ma.ccsend.com] On Behalf Of Joe Dorant
[jdorant@moses-ma.org]
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 3:25 PM
To: Pontes, Rebecca (DPH)
Subject: DPH Layoff noification

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August 12, 2011

Dear DPH MOSES employee,

We have been notified that there is another round of layoffs coming within the agency. Unfortunately another group of dedicated, professional employees will be losing their jobs because of reductions in both state and federal budgets.

The agency once again is offering to union members a voluntary retirement and lay-off buyout program that you must apply for by August 16, 2011. If your application is approved those employees who are opting to retire will need to be off the payroll by September 30, 2011.

Retirement Incentive Program

Employees who apply for this voluntary retirement and if deemed eligible for the buyout money (\$10,000) will also receive payment of all accrued vacation, compensatory time, and 20% of your sick leave balance at the time of separation.

PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS

Voluntary Layoff Incentive Program

Employees who apply for this voluntary layoff program and if deemed eligible may receive \$5,000.00 Employees allowed to participate in this program must be off the payroll by September 30, 2011 and will also receive payment of vacation and compensatory time. You will also be placed on the recall list.

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Year after year it continues to amaze me that the agency continues to layoff / retire some of the Commonwealth's finest workers while claiming to be underfunded while they continue to enter into contracts with non-state employees.

Joe

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